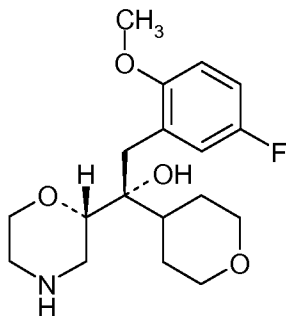


**Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently amended): ~~The method of claim 1, wherein said selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor is a compound~~ A method of preventing or treating hot flashes or vasomotor symptoms, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The method of claim 4, wherein said compound is in the form of a hydrochloride salt.